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SUBJECT: SECRETARY- EBAN MAY 10: EC AND ISRAEL

EC BRUSSELS FOR US MISSION

1. EBAN SAID TO SECRETARY HE HAD HAD GOOD DISCUSSION ON
SUBJECT EARLIER IN DAY WITH SECRETARY SHULTZ AND UNDER
SECRETARY CASEY. ISRAEL FELT THAT IT HAD NOT CREATED EC,
BUT ONCE EC WAS CREATED IT HAD TO DEAL WITH IT. ISRAEL
IMPORTED ONE BILLION DOLLARS WORTH FROM EC ANNUALLY AND
EXPORTED ONLY 450 MILLION, THUS CONTRIBUTING SUBSTANTIALLY
TO EC' S BALANCE OF PAYMENTS. IT HAD TO TRY AND COME TO
TERMS. IT COULD NOT COMPENSATE BY GOING ELSEWHERE, TO
AFRICA FOR EXAMPLE. THIS WAS NOT ISRAEL- US PROBLEM, BUT
US- EUROPE PROBLEM. ISRAEL DID NOT HAVE VOTE IN EC; THERE
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WAS NO WAY IT COULD WORK THIS OUT.

2. SECRETARY SAID OUR VIEWS HAD BEEN EXPLAINED TO EBAN. WE DID NOT LIKE THIS KIND OF EC ARRANGEMENT. THIS WAS TWO- WAY PROBLEM. THERE WERE PROTECTIONIST INTERESTS IN THIS COUNTRY WHOSE INFLUENCE WOULD BE EXERCISED STRONGLY AGAINST OUR BEING SUBJECTED TO DISCRIMINATION BY EVER LARGER BLOC. WE COULD NOT AND WOULD NOT STAND FOR THIS. REVERSE PREFERENCES WERE ANATHEMA TO US.

3. SECRETARY ASKED IF ISRAEL EXPECTED BECOME MEMBER EC. EBAN SAID THIS NOT POSSIBLE UNDER ROME TREATY. IN BRUSSELS IT DECIDED ISRAELI ASSOCIATION WOULD LEAD TO FREE ENTRY IN EC FOR ITS INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS AND FOR ABOUT 80 PER CENT ITS AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, ON PAR WITH WHAT MAGHREB STATES GET. BY 1985 ISRAEL WOULD HAVE TO GIVE FREE ENTRY TO EC GOODS. WHAT US AND ISRAEL HAD TO DO WAS LOOK FOR POSITIVE SOLUTION FOR PROBLEMS OF DISCRIMINATION THROUGH BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS.

4. SECRETARY AGREED WE WOULD HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER. SECRETARY NOTED INTERRELATIONSHIP OUR EC ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WITH OUR EUROPE SECURITY INTERESTS. EBAN REMARKED ISRAEL'S ASSOCIATION HAD POLITICAL DIMENSION AS WELL; THERE WAS "CERTAIN POLITICAL VISION" IN ASSOCIATION OF ISRAEL WITH, E. G., SOME ARAB COUNTRIES AND FRANCE. ISRAEL WANTED TO GET EQUAL TERMS AND TO DO SO WOULD HAVE TO BE IN POSITION TO OFFER SOMETHING TO EC.
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